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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 6, 13, and 16 have been amended as follows.

1. (Amended) A car seat for restraining an infant in a vehicle seat, comprising:
a base support, said base support having a back portion and a carrier engagement portion
including a first fastener; and

an infant carrier <u>including a second fastener</u>, the infant carrier detachably mounted to said base support <u>via cooperative mating of said first and second fasteners</u>;

said base support having a mirror mounted on said back portion in a position visible to a driver of the vehicle in a rear-view mirror when the infant carrier is mounted in the base support.

6. (Amended) An infant seat, comprising:

an infant carrier <u>including a first fastener</u> and a base support <u>including a second</u>

<u>fastener</u> for mounting the infant carrier in a rear-facing direction when secured in a vehicle passenger seat <u>via cooperative mating of said first and second fasteners</u>;

the base support including a substantially vertical back portion that extends substantially parallel to the back of the passenger seat when the base support is secured to the passenger seat; and

the back portion supporting a mirror for viewing an infant seated in the infant carrier when the infant carrier is mounted on the base support.

13. (Twice Amended) An infant carrier handle in combination with an infant carrier, comprising:

a substantially flexible strap pivotally connected at opposite ends to longitudinally opposed ends of the infant carrier;

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a first portion <u>including a stiffener and a padded portion</u>, said first portion of said strap being sufficiently rigid to be self-supporting, said first portion of said strap extending from one of said opposed ends of said infant carrier; and

a second portion of said strap being soft and flexible, said second portion of said strap extending from the other of said opposed ends of said carrier.

16. (Amended) An infant seat, comprising:

an infant carrier <u>including a first fastener</u> and a base support <u>including a second</u>

<u>fastener</u> for mounting the infant carrier in a rear-facing direction when secured in a vehicle

passenger seat <u>via cooperative mating of said first and second fasteners</u>;

the base support including a substantially vertical back portion that extends substantially parallel to the back of the passenger seat when the base support is secured to the passenger seat; and

the back portion supporting a mirror for viewing an infant seated in the infant carrier when the infant carrier is mounted on the base support.

The following new claims 21 - 28 have been added.

- 21. (New) The car seat according to claim 1, wherein said cooperative mating comprises an interlocking mechanical connection.
- 22. (New) The car seat according to claim 21, wherein one of said first and second fasteners comprises a protrusion and the other comprises a recess.
- 23. (New) The infant seat according to claim 6, wherein said cooperative mating comprises an interlocking mechanical connection.
- 24. (New) The infant seat according to claim 23, wherein one of said first and second fasteners comprises a protrusion and the other comprises a recess.



- 25. (New) The infant carrier handle in combination with the infant carrier according to claim 13, wherein said stiffener is disposed within said padded portion.
- 26. (New) The infant carrier handle in combination with the infant carrier according to claim 25, wherein said stiffener comprises a strap stiffener.
- 27. (New) The infant seat according to claim 16, wherein said cooperative mating comprises an interlocking mechanical connection.
- 28. (New) The infant seat according to claim 27, wherein one of said first and second fasteners comprises a protrusion and the other comprises a recess.

